The New English Young Writers’ Conference at Bread Loaf

For over thirty years, MUHS sophomores, juniors, and seniors have participated in the New England Young Writers’ Conference at Bread Loaf.

This May, Abigail Benz, Tobias Broucke, Alyssa Crogan, Charlotte Keathley, Annie Lindholm, Zara London Southern, Molly Taylor, and Elias Wyncoop joined over 200 other young writers from the Northeast and beyond to work with published poets, fiction and non-fiction writers in a wide range of activities to inspire and hone their writing.

The Conference is coordinated and hosted by Middlebury College, Mount Abraham, Vergennes, Otter Valley, and Middlebury Union High Schools. MUHS students Jack Brisson, Tsering Chopel, Meigan Clark, Briana Hanley, and Jesse Wulfman also served as hosts who helped in the planning and running of the conference.

The weather was spectacular, too, which is never a sure thing and was just the icing on the cake for the 31st New England Young Writers’ Conference.
**Vermont Stage Young Playwrights Project**

For our tenth year of participation in the *Vermont Stage Young Playwrights Project*, MUHS students created individual 10-minute one-act plays in two, full day, workshops at MUHS and through correspondence with our professional playwright Chris Caswell.

At the Festival this May, Hadley Evans Nash’s play, *The Door*, was selected as the “Featured Play” from MUHS; after receiving an hour and half of rehearsal with a professional director and actors, her play was performed for the general public. The Festival chose Meigan Clark’s play, *Aurelia*, as the “Finalist Play;” professional actors provided a cold (unrehearsed) reading of the script and the Festival audience provided feedback.

Congratulations to our participants for their creative, layered, and engaging scripts. Participation in the *Playwrights Project* is open to all MUHS students who want to write and develop an original script. Interested students should watch for a 2016 Festival announcement in the late fall.
May has been a busy month for the World Languages Department!

First, as part of the ongoing “Language in Motion” grant with Middlebury College, we had several guest speakers visit our classrooms this spring. Pictured here, Zeke Caceres presented to both French and Spanish classes on the “Souks” of Morocco. Presenting in both French, Spanish, and Arabic, he took our students on a cultural journey through a Moroccan cultural institution: The “souk,” or open air market. Students were not only able to try on some traditional Moroccan garb, but also were treated to some authentic Middle Eastern sweets, imported from a specialty bakery!

This month, the French 2 class has been engaged in exploring the question, “Is French food healthy?” We’ve been exploring Parisian café culture, food in France, and shopping and markets around the world. We ended these units with a day in the kitchen, whipping up a meal of quiche au chèvre, fresh picked greens (thank you to the Alternative Ed Program and its greenhouse!) with a classic French vinaigrette, and chocolate soufflé. Our soufflé fell, but our spirits did not! Yum!

This semester’s French classes also made a visit to Montréal earlier this month. Our day began at Marché Atwater, and continued with lunch downtown at some of Montréal’s most famous eateries. After a short walking tour of the “haut plateau,” we took a more extensive walking tour of Old Montréal, or the “vieux port.” Our adventure ended with a French vocabulary scavenger hunt in the impressive underground mall, or “underground city” as they call it there! A great day for all the students!
2015-2016 Student Schedules

School counselors are reviewing student schedules for next year. There is a list of student names posted outside the Guidance Department. Counselors need to see these students in regards to their schedule prior to the end of the school year. Please contact the Guidance Department with any questions!

Dual Enrollment

Any rising junior or senior interested in taking a summer or fall college course free of charge under the Dual Enrollment Program should see their school counselor for more details. Courses are available at a number of Vermont colleges including, The University of Vermont, Burlington College, CCV, Castleton State College, as well as several other colleges.
| Date   | Block 1  | Period 1 | Period 2 | Lunch   | Block 2  | Period 3 | Period 4 | Lunch   | Block 3 | Period 7 | Period 8 | Block 4 | Period 9 | Period 10 | Lunch   | Block 5 | Period 11 | Period 12 |
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| June 18| Make-up Exams | 8:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. | 8:30 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. | 9:45 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. | 11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. | 8:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. | 8:30 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. | 9:45 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. | 11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. | 12:15 p.m. - 2:45 p.m. | 12:15 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. | 1:30 p.m. - 2:45 p.m. | 12:15 p.m. - 2:45 p.m. |

NOTE: STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO REMAIN IN THEIR CLASSROOMS FOR THE ENTIRE EXAM PERIOD.
National Honor Society Induction

The Middlebury Union High School auditorium was filled with families, teachers, students, alumni and community members for the MUHS chapter of the National Honor Society Induction ceremony.

Simon Broucke, a 2014 Inductee, provided the piano prelude and the music interlude. Current NHS members Ryan Biette, Matthew Becker, Alexis Ouelette, and Nathan Cobb, recited the qualities of leadership, scholarship, character, and service, before lighting the four candles. President Madeline Ganey, Vice-President Ryan Biette, Secretary Matthew Becker and Treasurer Nathan Cobb passed the flame to the new inductees. Madeline Ganey called the names of each inductee, NHS advisor Mr. Rooney passed out the membership pins and Principal William Lawson congratulated each student after presenting a certificate of membership. All National Honor Society students in grade 12 were presented with Honor Cords for graduation by the adviser Mr. Rooney, followed by closing remarks by Principal Lawson. The current 2014-2015 National Honor Society members provided refreshments at the reception following the ceremony.

The National Honor Society appreciates all the help from the Faculty Council, the Administration, the office staff and the custodial staff.

**Inductees 2015**

Armstrong, Claire 2016  
Balparda, Carolyn 2016  
Beauchamp, Nicholas 2016  
Boise, Katina 2016  
Bronson, Courtney 2016  
Crogan, Alyssa 2016  
Foster, MaKayla 2016  
Grier, Christopher 2016  
Hare, Annina 2016  
Holmes, Nicholas 2016  
Humiston, Mikayla 2016  
Isham, Faith 2016  
Keathley, Nora 2016  
Milligan, Harriet 2016  
Morris, Danielle 2016  
Pecsok, Kyle 2016  
Ryan, Baily 2015  
Saunders, Sophie 2016  
Smith, Kelsey 2016  
Snyder-White, Emma 2015  
Whitley, James 2016

**Honor Cord Recipients 2015**

Elliott Abbott  
Matthew Becker  
Luke Benz  
Ryan Biette  
Simon-Jimmy Broucke  
Nathan Cobb  
Kaitlyn Gaboriault  
Madeline Ganey  
Katherine Holmes  
Joseph Hounchell  
CareyAnne Howlett  
Emily Kiernan  
Anne Lindholm  
Alexis Ouellette  
Michelle Peterson  
Julia Rosenberg  
Baily Ryan  
Emma Snyder-White
During April break, eight students from the Student Coalition On Human Rights (SCOHR) group and advisors Devan Walsh and Larry O’Connor, traveled to Masaya, Nicaragua for 10 days to help improve the living conditions of families in this developing community. The group worked with families that formally lived in the city dump in Managua and were relocated to the rural countryside in Masaya. The work included pouring a cement floor for a house and digging over 300 yards of earth for irrigation ditches using only pick axes and shovels. The work was hard and the weather reached over 96 degrees on some days. The group worked side-by-side with community members and was an incredible team-building experience. On the groups two days off, members enjoyed the jungle beauty by partaking in zip-lining through the forest as monkeys sat perched in trees watching. The group also enjoyed the trip to a lagoon located in a dormant volcano.
2015-16 Peer Leaders Have Been Chosen!

This year, 40 Peer Leaders were chosen for the MUHS Peer Leader prevention program!

The new Peer Leaders spent part of their day on May 19th participating in leadership training and preparing for the 8th grade visit day. Students focused on how to build community with incoming 9th graders through experiential learning activities, problem-solving and shared vision and communication.

On June 3rd, 8th graders from MUMS spent the morning at MUHS with their Peer Leaders. Peer Leaders focused on getting to know the incoming class of 2019 as well as orienting MUMS students to the High School.

Peer Leaders will have another opportunity to assist the incoming 9th graders transitions to the high school when they return back to MUHS in August. Before the start of the school year, Peer Leaders will walk the incoming 9th graders through their schedules for the coming year.
MUHS Summer School Program

The MUHS Summer School Program will be in its sixteenth year. The focus of this program is on remediation, allowing students who have failed a course during the 2014-2015 school year the opportunity to complete work and pass a course. Many students also elect to repeat classes that they earned a C- or below, allowing them to improve their final grade. This program gives students the opportunity to better their academic standing and a chance to master material to be better prepared to continue on in the curriculum. This year, the program will run from June 29th to July 31st. Classes will meet Monday through Friday, 8:30am to 11:30am, excluding July 3rd.

Each summer, classes are offered in the core content areas; these include English, math, science, and world history. The classes offered are dependent upon student enrollment. Students must commit to attending summer school; they are allowed to miss only two days out of the five week schedule.

The director of the Summer School Program is Cindy Atkins. Letters and registration forms have been sent out to students who failed or performed poorly in first semester classes. Materials were also sent out for second semester classes, these were based on students’ third quarter grades. As the end of the second semester nears, it is important that parents and students re-visit the possibility of attending summer school. If you did not receive a registration form in the mail they can be picked up in the guidance office or the main office.

If you have any questions feel free to contact Cindy Atkins at 382-1146.
It is time to pre-register with Middlebury Amateur Hockey Association for the 2015-2016 season! **Register by June 15, 2015 and receive a discount of $100.**

*The only money due now is the fee of $44 you pay to USA Hockey.  
*MAHA collects program registration fees in September.  
*You must pre-register with MAHA to get your discount.

[http://maha.middleburyhockey.org/content/maha-registration-2015-16-hockey-season](http://maha.middleburyhockey.org/content/maha-registration-2015-16-hockey-season)

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1 **Fees this year include heat.** You will not have to write another check later in the season. Third child in family receive 30% discount instead of $100-discount. Goalies receive 50% on applicable rate.
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